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Reporting for the week ending September 13, 2009.

General

Temperatures across the state returned to normal levels last week after several weeks of below normal temperatures. Lows ranged from 60 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville, Harrison, and Gilbert to 68 degrees Fahrenheit at Little Rock and Eudora. Highs ranged from 86 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville to 96 degrees Fahrenheit at El Dorado and Eudora. Showers and storms, mainly in the latter part of the week, brought rain across the state with all stations reporting some measurable rainfall. For the week, 25 of the 36 weather stations recorded over an inch of rain. Hope and Eudora received the most rain at 3.97 and 3.81 inches, respectively. Topsoil moisture supplies were 18 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 18 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Farmers had 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crops

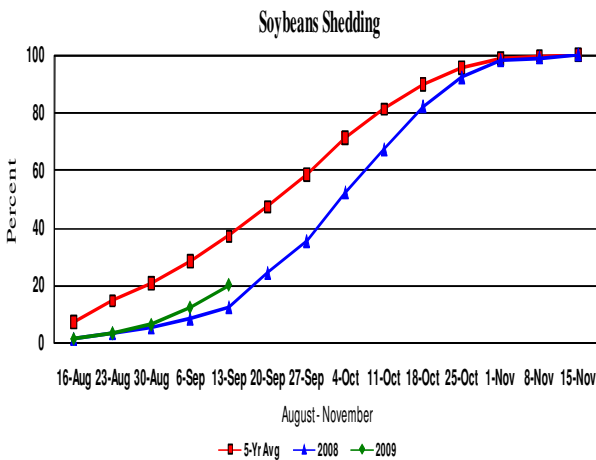
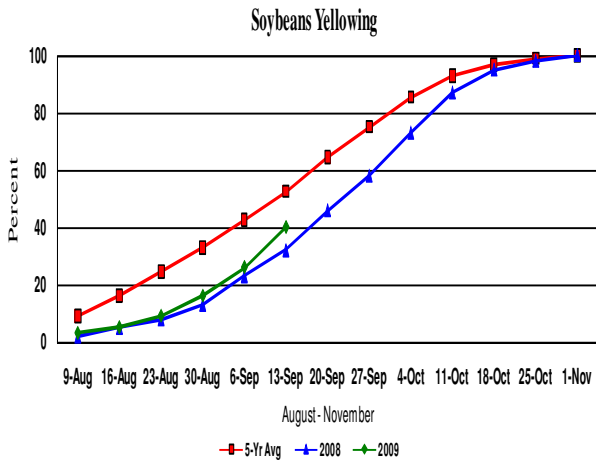
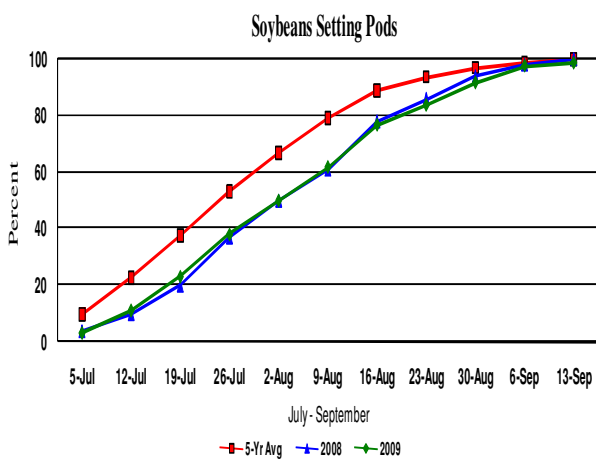
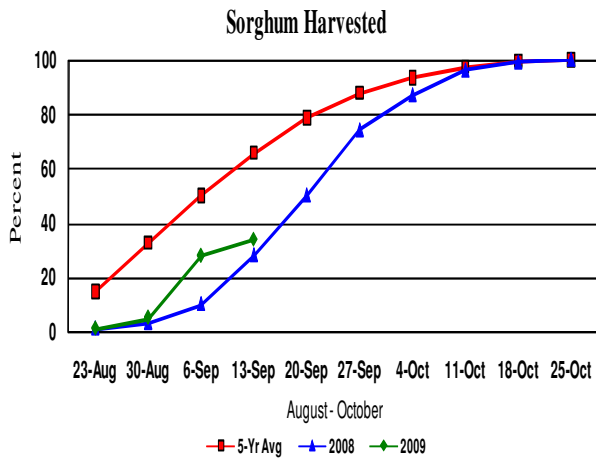
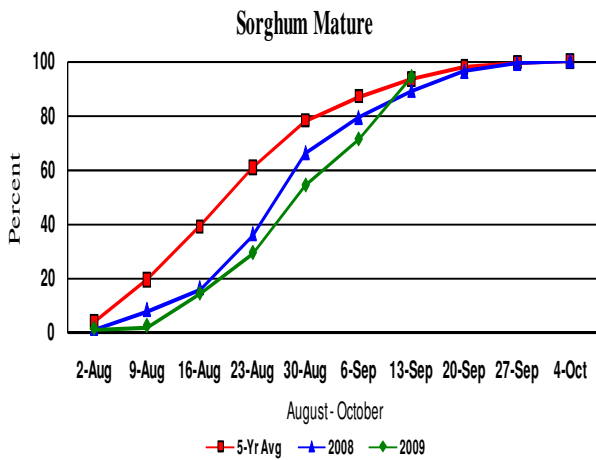
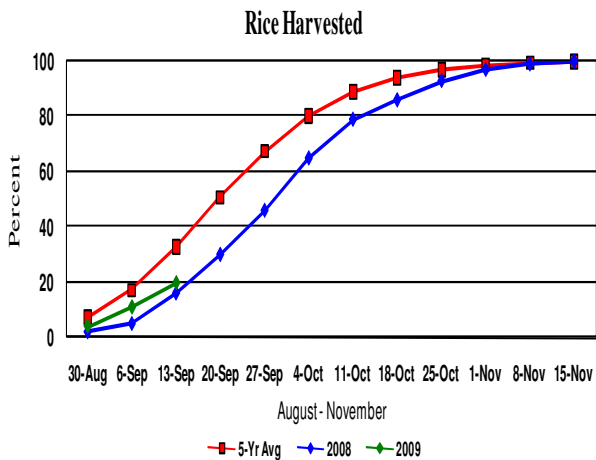
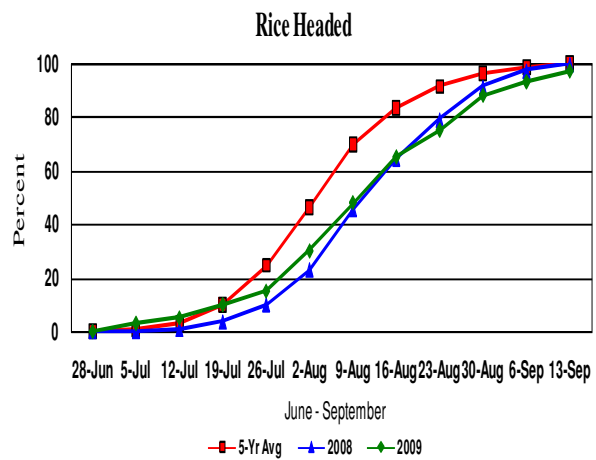
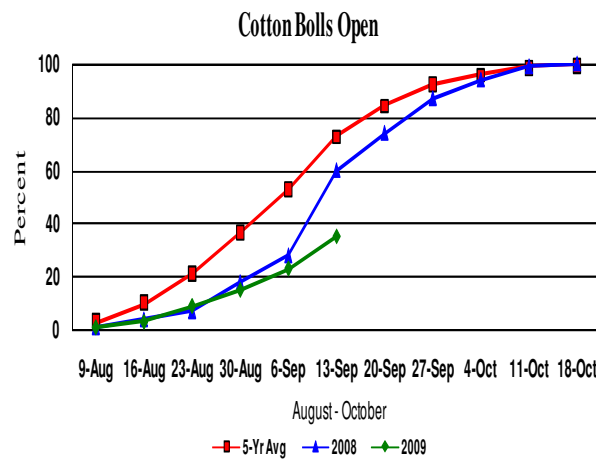
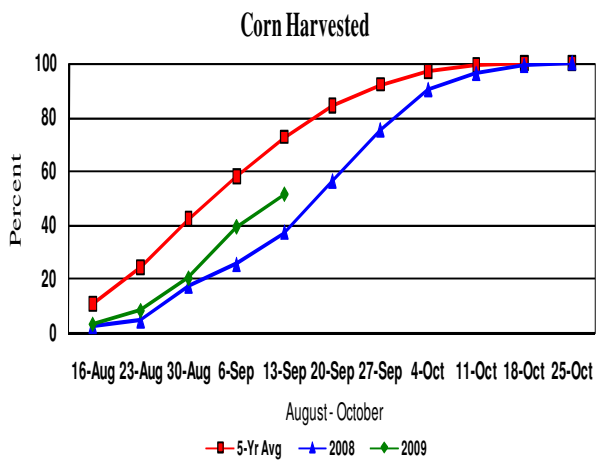
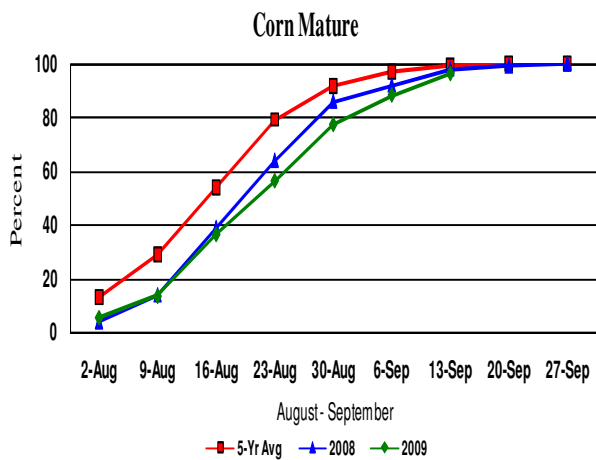
Harvest continued last week despite the wet weather for corn, soybeans, sorghum, and rice. Corn mature increased 8 percent to reach 96 percent, 1 percent behind 2008 and 3 percent behind the five-year average. Corn producers were able to harvest an additional 12 percent of their crop last week to reach 51 percent, 16 percent ahead of last year but 20 percent behind the five-year average. Cotton opening bolls reached 35 percent, 20 percent behind 2008 and 35 percent behind the five-year average. Rice, at 97 percent headed, was 3 percent behind both last year and the five-year average. Rice farmers harvested an additional 9 percent of their crop last week to reach 20 percent. Rice producers were applying desiccants to their crops in preparation for harvest. Sorghum coloring reached 100 percent, while sorghum reaching maturity increased 23 percent last week. Sorghum farmers harvested 34 percent of their crop by the end of the week, 9 percent ahead of last year but 30 percent behind the five-year average. The soybean crop had only 1 percent left to set pods, 1 percent behind both 2008 and the five-year average. Soybeans in the yellowing stage, at 40 percent, was 9 percent ahead of 2008 but 11 percent behind the five-year average. Soybeans shedding increased 8 percent to reach 20 percent by week’s end. Soybeans reaching maturity was at 11 percent, and producers were able to get 5 percent of the crop harvested. The recent wet weather has not been helpful to producers combating Asian soybean rust. Farmers planted an additional 1 percent of the winter wheat crop last week.

Livestock

Livestock were in fair to good condition. Pasture and range and hay crops were in fair to good condition last week, with some reports of armyworms in Bermuda pastures.

Percent of Progress					
Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Mature	96	88	97	99
	Harvested	51	39	35	71
Cotton	Opening Bolls	35	23	55	70
Rice	Headed	97	93	100	100
	Harvested	20	11	14	30
Sorghum	Coloring	100	98	100	99
	Mature	94	71	88	92
	Harvested	34	28	25	64
Soybeans	Setting Pods	99	98	100	100
	Yellowing	40	26	31	51
	Shedding	20	12	11	35
	Mature	11	6	7	25
	Harvested	5	3	3	18
Winter Wheat	Planted	3	2	0	0

Condition in Percentages					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	6	14	30	34	16
Cotton	4	6	31	44	15
Rice	1	8	35	40	16
Sorghum	3	14	33	39	11
Soybeans	4	13	26	39	18
Hay-Alfalfa	0	1	20	77	2
Hay-Other	2	2	35	52	9
Pasture and Range	0	4	24	63	9



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending September 13									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Sept 13	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2009	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	86	60	0	0.82	4.49	3.75	35.69	30.04
	Harrison	87	60	0	1.90	5.68	3.61	37.13	29.22
N. Central	Calico Rock	88	63	1	0.47	2.26	3.28	33.51	29.68
	Gilbert	87	60	0	2.37	6.97	3.12	39.48	28.74
	Greers Ferry	87	62	-1	0.35	4.67	3.20	40.58	32.50
	Mtn. Home	87	64	1	1.68	5.47	3.32	38.56	29.05
Northeast	Batesville	90	64	1	1.27	6.37	3.08	39.35	30.57
	Blytheville	88	64	1	0.18	3.14	2.67	34.64	33.90
	Jonesboro	89	66	2	0.26	1.53	2.63	43.14	29.85
	Keiser	89	65	3	0.42	2.75	2.87	40.10	33.20
	Newport	88	66	0	1.79	3.72	2.94	49.50	31.57
W. Central	Booneville	92	65	-1	3.20	8.66	2.84	42.04	30.69
	Clarksville	90	65	1	2.64	5.66	2.95	39.14	29.71
	Dardanelle	92	64	2	2.33	3.20	2.85	33.57	31.08
	Ft. Smith	92	67	0	2.92	6.33	2.76	38.75	28.06
	Mena	88	62	0	1.79	3.11	3.14	47.28	37.00
	Ozark	89	64	-2	2.98	7.26	2.76	39.33	28.75
Central	Conway	91	65	0	0.97	2.92	2.90	46.12	31.21
	Hot Springs	91	65	0	1.73	2.59	3.10	49.20	36.84
	Little Rock	93	68	2	1.58	2.73	3.00	44.29	32.69
	Morrilton	90	64	0	1.65	4.71	2.57	41.51	30.46
	N. Little Rock	92	66	-1	1.25	2.59	3.02	42.68	31.60
E. Central	Brinkley	90	65	2	0.95	1.55	2.47	40.99	32.87
	Marianna	91	66	3	1.55	1.96	2.57	42.95	35.16
	Stuttgart	94	67	1	0.63	2.05	2.16	45.27	32.07
	West Memphis	91	66	2	0.71	1.74	2.88	37.56	35.12
Southwest	DeQueen	93	66	1	1.42	3.89	2.86	38.73	34.70
	Hope	92	65	1	3.97	6.23	3.44	47.03	35.16
	Texarkana	91	66	0	2.75	4.24	2.50	38.72	30.22
S. Central	Camden	93	65	1	3.13	3.51	2.87	41.36	34.95
	El Dorado	96	65	1	3.22	3.80	2.84	32.75	36.72
	Warren	92	66	0	2.83	2.96	2.95	45.65	36.97
Southeast	Eudora	96	68	3	3.81	6.41	2.48	40.59	38.71
	Monticello	94	66	2	2.00	2.38	2.83	37.02	37.37
	Pine Bluff	93	66	1	0.82	2.41	2.81	42.59	34.42
	Rohwer	92	67	2	2.50	3.20	2.39	36.23	34.81

\* Departure from normal =  $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2} - 30$  year average

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